

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-13 and 20-29 remain pending in this case, claims 1, 4 and 11 having been amended, claims 20-29 having been added and claims 3 and 14-19 having been canceled without prejudice by this paper.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 3-4, 6-7 and 9-10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response thereto, Applicants have:

- (1) added the features of claim 3 to independent claim 1; and
- (2) added new claims 27, 28 and 29 which represent claims 6, 7 and 10, respectively, so written.

Accordingly, amended claim 1 (which incorporates the features of allowable claim 3) and claims 2 and 4-10 which depend therefrom are submitted as being allowable, as are new claims 27, 28 and 29 (which incorporate the features of allowable claims 6, 7 and 10, respectively).

Applicants have similarly amended rejected claim 11 to include the features of claim 3. As such amended claim 11 is submitted as being allowable, as are original claims 12-13 and new claims 20-26 which depend from claim 11.

Applicants believe the claims are now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the same. Please charge any new claim fees to Deposit Account No. 04-1696. A separate Request for Extension of Time is enclosed herewith, with authorization to charge the

requisite extension fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1696.
Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due
regarding this Amendment. However, if any additional fees are
required, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1696.

Respectfully Submitted,



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